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In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 2131 999999999999 James E. King, Stephen C. Evans, and Martin P. Mayhead Examiner: Unknown Serial No. 09/930,113 Atty. Dkt. No. 5681-04100 Filed: August 15, 2001 Secure Network Identification For: I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below: B. Noël Kivlin § Registered Representative § INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RECEIVED Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 OCT 2 1 2003 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Technology Center 2100 Sir: Applicant requests consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or \(\) the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 were previously cited in application to which the captioned application is seeking priority under 35 U.S.C. §120; therefore, a copy of each reference is not enclosed.

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| | b. | | after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus: the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or a fee of \$180.00 is enclosed. | | | | |
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| 4. | For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449: | | | | | | |
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- 7. The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
- 8. Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

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